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Ontex: Transparency Declaration Notification

Disclosure made according to the requirements of Article 14 of the law of 2 May 2007

Aalst-Erembodegem (Belgium), May 21, 2019 – Ontex Group NV (“Ontex”) discloses the notification of significant shareholdings that it has received according to the Belgian Law of 2 May 2007 on the disclosure of significant shareholdings in listed companies.

On May 14, 2019, Bank of America Corporation notified Ontex that it holds, as a result of the acquisition of voting securities or voting rights, 7,010,239 shares in Ontex and so has crossed the threshold of 5.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex to 8.51%.

On May 16, 2019, Bank of America Corporation notified Ontex that it had, as a result of sales of shares, crossed below the threshold of 5.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex.

According to its obligation Ontex publishes the content of the notifications that it has received.

Date of Notifications: May 14, 2019 and May 16, 2019

Date Threshold Crossed: May 9, 2019 and May 10, 2019

Threshold Crossed: 5.00%

Notification by:

Bank of America Corporation	Wilmington, DE (United States)
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Denominator on the date of notification: 82,347,218 shares

Voting rights and assimilated financial instruments:

Notification of May 14, 2019:

(A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
	# voting rights	# voting rights		% of voting rights	
Holder of voting rights		Linked to securities	Not linked to securities	Linked to securities	Not linked to securities
Bank of America Corporation	0	0		0.00%	
Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corporation	0	0		0.00%	
Merrill Lynch International	0	0		0.00%	
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	0	0		0.00%	
BOFA Securities Europe SA	0	0		0.00%	
Total		0	0	0.00%	0.00%

(B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
Holder of equivalent financial instruments	Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise period or date	# of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised	% of voting rights	Settlement
Bank of America, National Association	Swaps	30/06/2020		21,100	0.03%	cash
Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corporation	Rights of Use			14,994	0.02%	physical
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	Rights to Recall			32,651	0.04%	physical
BOFA Securities Europe SA	Rights to Recall			54,668	0.07%	physical
Merrill Lynch International	Rights to Recall			535,641	0.65%	physical
Merrill Lynch International	Rights of Use			6,162,231	7.48%	physical
Merrill Lynch International	Swaps	23/04/2020		7,460	0.01%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	Swaps	30/04/2020		41,439	0.05%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	Swaps	31/12/2019		154	0.00%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	Swaps	10/02/2020		2,600	0.00%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	Swaps	15/05/2023		68,694	0.08%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	Swaps	31/01/2020		10,895	0.01%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	Swaps	19/10/2020		57,712	0.07%	cash
TOTAL				7,010,239	8.51%	

	# voting rights	% of voting rights
TOTAL (A + B)	7,010,239	8.51%

Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held

Merrill Lynch International, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corporation, BofA Securities Europe SA and Bank of America, National Association are controlled by 'Bank of America Corporation' (see enclosure). Bank of America Corporation is not a controlled entity.

Notification of May 16, 2019:

(A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
	# voting rights	# voting rights		% of voting rights	
Holder of voting rights		Linked to securities	Not linked to securities	Linked to securities	Not linked to securities
Bank of America Corporation					
Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corporation					
Merrill Lynch International					
Bank of America, National Association					
BOFA Securities, Inc.					
BOFA Securities Europe SA					
Total					

(B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
	Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise period or date	# of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised	% of voting rights	Settlement
Bank of America Corporation						
TOTAL						

	# voting rights	% of voting rights
TOTAL (A + B)		

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Merrill Lynch International, BoFA Securities Inc, Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corporation, BofA Securities Europe SA and Bank of America, National Association are controlled by 'Bank of America Corporation' (see enclosure). Bank of America Corporation is not a controlled entity.

Additional information

The trigger for the notification is due to the trading book holding going below the 5% exemption.

Please note as of TD 10.05.2019 the holdings under Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated have moved to the new entity BoFA Securities Inc. We have included the corporate structure of the new entity.

Notifications of significant shareholdings to be made according to the Law of 2 May 2007 should be sent to: investorrelations@ontexglobal.com

This notification will be posted on: <http://www.ontexglobal.com/press-room>

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About Ontex

Ontex is a leading international provider of personal hygiene solutions, with expertise in baby care, feminine care and adult care. Ontex's innovative products are distributed in more than 110 countries through Ontex brands such as BBTips, BioBaby, Pompom, Bigfrol, Canbebe, Canped, ID and Serenity, as well as leading retailer brands.

Employing 11,000 passionate people all over the world, Ontex has a presence in 21 countries, with its headquarters in Aalst, Belgium. Ontex is part of the Bel20 and STOXX® Europe 600.

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